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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Rejection mailed July 31, 2001. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. The amendments herein require no additional search and place the claims in either allowable condition or in better form for appeal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 11, 15, 19, 24, 28, and 32 as follows:

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 this 1 day of October, 2001.

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